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SLOCOMBE'S FAMOUS DAHLIAS

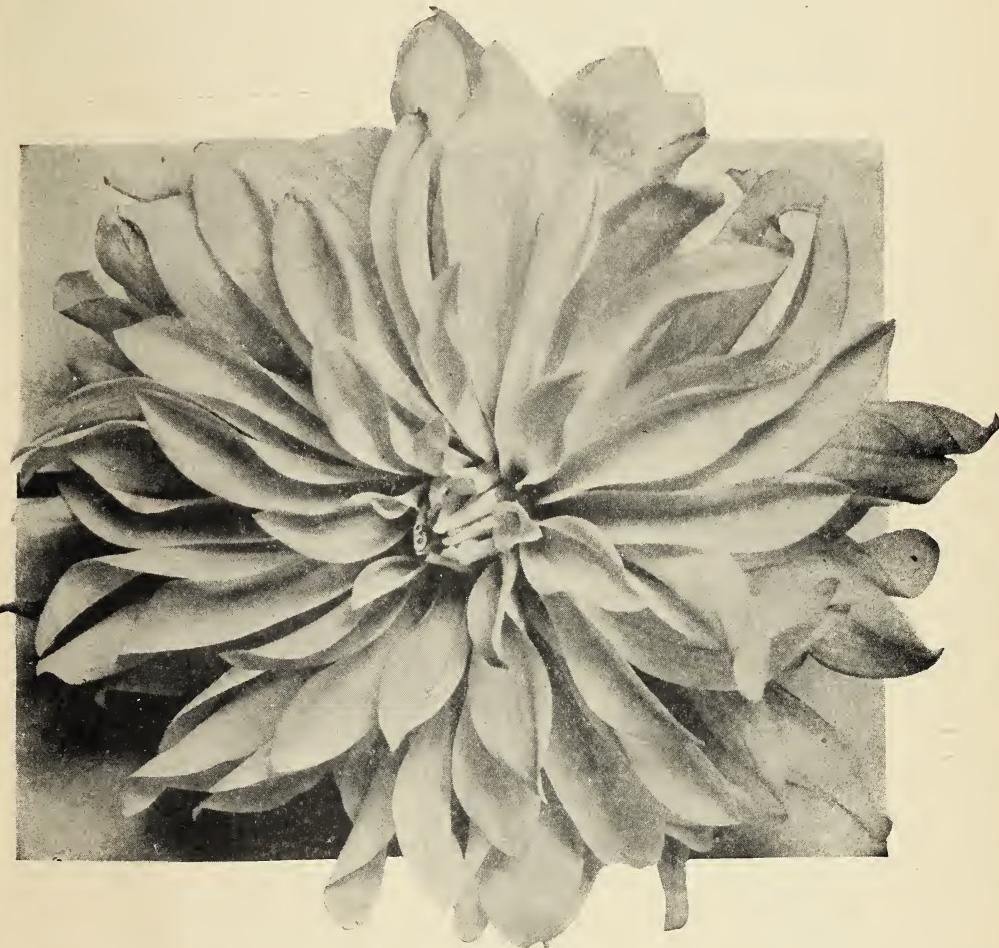
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1922



FROM
Slocombe's Dahlia Gardens
DAHLIA SPECIALISTS
555 Townsend Ave., New Haven, Conn.

Slocombe's Famous Dahlias

For 1922



"ROSA BONHEUR"

(After the Great French Animal Painter)

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**SLOCOMBE'S DAHLIA GARDENS
DAHLIA SPECIALISTS**

555 Townsend Avenue

New Haven, Conn.

TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS

It is again a great pleasure to present you with my Annual Catalogue, in which is listed only the best carefully selected varieties.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for all past favors, and for your generosity in my behalf.

Wishing you all, a most Successful Season with our Garden Favorite — "The Dahlia". "Flowers are poetry of the Soul."

(Miss) EMILY SLOCOMBE,
Life Member of "American Dahlia Society"

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

It is with pleasure we send to Dahlia Lovers, our list of Novelties and Varieties of our own raising, all of which have been tested out and have come up to the requirements of our ideal of a Dahlia.

Having discarded hundreds of Dahlias and retaining only the best, of the older varieties, would like to call attention to the more choice varieties which we have every confidence in offering our customers and in so doing, we wish to thank all our patrons for their past favors and many flattering letters of appreciation regarding our new creations.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Dahlia lovers during the blooming season, especially during the latter part of September and early October. Our Dahlia Gardens are located on Townsend Avenue, opposite Fort Hale Road. Visitors wishing to come by the electric cars should take a Lighthouse Car and get off at Fort Hale Road, and walk one block east; those coming by automobile, take the Townsend Avenue road leading to Morris Cove.

 In the event that we are sold out of certain varieties, we will substitute to our best judgement, **unless ordered not to do so.**

ORDER EARLY. By ordering early we can reserve your stock and ship when wanted. By so doing you will avoid the disappointment of not getting what you want.

WE START SHIPPING around April 15th, and orders are filled in rotation.

CASH WITH ORDERS, or in advance of shipment. No shipments made C. O. D. **All Orders** to receive attention must be accompanied by the amount necessary to pay for the same.

REMITTANCES should be made by post-office money order or drafts.

FORWARDING. All bulbs are sent by Parcel Post unless otherwise stated. Please add 3 cents on the price of each bulb for postage. We do not guarantee safe delivery of any shipment, but, if you wish shipment insured we will insure it at your expense at the following rates, plus regular postage; Value up to \$5.00, 3c; value up to \$25.00, 5c; value up to \$50.00, 10c; value up to \$100.00, 25c.

GUARANTEE. We send out divided field grown roots, every one guaranteed true to name and to arrive in good growing condition. We cannot guarantee the success of the grower purchasing plants or bulbs if they are not unpacked immediately upon receipt.

PRICES. This list cancels all previous prices.

WRITE name and address plainly.

A FEW HINTS ON DAHLIA CULTURE ,

Soil—not too rich, or plants will all go to foliage.

Planting—Always plant tubers flat, 4 inches deep, having ground well dug and loosened about 15 inches deep (or more). Plant 3 or 4 feet apart, in an open sunny place. Do not stand tubers on end, the size of which makes no difference, as long as it has one strong eye, or sprout.

Watering—Plants must be liberally watered during dry weather after buds have formed.

Cultivating—Keep ground loose and free from weeds, and nip off the first buds, as they are usually imperfect. Do not allow the soil to crust.

Fertilizing—Use well rotted barnyard manure, well mixed in each hill, (also leaves, grass clippings, etc.)

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS
ORIGINATED BY JOHN H. SLOCOMBE

The following are all distinct, and wonderful creations of this
beautiful type of Dahlia

Without doubt the finest set of Dahlias originated and sent out by any firm in the Country. Every one a superior Dahlia in its respective type and color, and all most useful either for garden decoration or exhibition.

Amanda M. Houghton.	Exceptionally large full flower of perfect form, lilac pink changing to a soft pink towards the center, the center petals fading almost to a pure white, are prettily tipped and suffused rose pink, the flowers carried on long stiff stems, ideal for exhibition and cut flower	5.00
Beatrice Slocombe.	A fine built flower, very free flowering which makes this an ideal garden variety, the ground color is a warm shade of red edged with old gold shading to old rose pink. A most unique and attractive color combination, very fine. Awarded a Certificate of Merit and Prize Winner	2.00
Constance Liotard.	Canary yellow full centered with tiny florets between each petal. A fine Dahlia for cutting. Is not a tall grower. It is a good bloomer and carries perfectly full blossoms upright on strong stems	5.00
Dr. Frank H. Whittemore.	Large globular flowers of a beautiful soft pink carried on long stiff stems, very freely flowering and a good grower	2.00
Elizabeth Slocombe.	A most effective variety, carried on long stiff stems, well above the foliage, a vigorous grower; the flowers of splendid form are of a rich purplish-garnet in opening, but fade to an exquisite garnet when they mature. An ideal variety for exhibition and cut flower	5.00
Emma Slocombe Improved.	One of the best white paeony flowered Dahlias, very large and free flowering, has won many prizes for white Decorative Dahlia. (stock limited)	5.00
Emma Brighton.	Large flower of perfect form freely produced on long stiff stems, deep primrose yellow suffused with delicate tintings of amber and gold overlaid with a beautiful silvery sheen. Admired and highly commented on by all growers and experts during the past season. A novelty of exceptional merit	5.00
Faith Slocombe, Novelty 1920.	Fine large flower, of a most exquisite shade of old gold overlaid with bronze and delicately tinted with red and gold; an unusually attractive variety, very free blooming	3.00

Florence Nightingale, Novelty 1921. (Reserved for more stock).

Glory of New Haven. Large flower with beautiful broad twisting petals which makes this variety unusually attractive, exceptionally free. The flowers a clear lavender pink distinctly veined deeper lavender, produced on long stiff stems; an ideal cut flower and exhibition variety 2.00.

Graydon Slocombe, (Novelty 1920) Reserved for stock.

Jean Slocombe. A hybrid Cactus of a most exquisite shade of soft mauve-pink, a fine large full flower, the petals beautifully curled and twisted makes this a most attractive variety; one of the finest pink Dahlias in its class. For exhibition only 2.00

John H. Slocombe. A gorgeous flower of an intense deep red, suffused with a beautiful velvety sheen. The petals prettily curled and twisted make this a most attractive variety. The flowers freely produced on unusually long stiff stems, while measuring eight to nine inches in diameter are not at all coarse. Without doubt the finest red variety yet introduced 2.00

Mabel Fownes Slocombe, A Unique Novelty. In sending out this variety we are offering Dahlia lovers something entirely new and distinct in color combinations. The ground color is a warm shade of red overlaid with an exquisite shade of burnt orange, the center petals radiating from red to burnt orange and distinctly tipped, giving the entire flower a glow and softness of color which is difficult to describe. The flowers freely produced on long erect stems make this variety ideal for cut flowers. (Green plants only) 5.00

Maurice Fuld. Beautiful pink, wavy and twisting petals. Fine for cutting or exhibition. Good upright stem, green plants only 2.00

Mildred Slocombe. The pink decorative par excellence, either for garden exhibition or cut flowers. An exquisite shade of mauve pink with a beautiful silvery sheen, the flowers freely produced and carried on long stiff stems. Best pink Dahlia to date, perfect in form, prize winner 1.00

Mrs. E. M. Slocombe. An ideal variety either for cut flowers or garden decoration. A pretty shade of rosy pink shading to a deeper pink towards the center. The flowers carried on unusually stiff stems, always well above the foliage. Good cut flower 5.00

Mrs. Nathaniel Slocombe, (Yellow) Reserved for stock.

Mrs. Robert Bell. Very large flowers on long stems carried well above the foliage, of a pretty shade of bronzy yellow changing to a deep yellow towards the center, the outer petals overlaid with a beautiful silvery sheen, an ideal exhibition variety and cut flower	5.00
Margaret Bonnell. An exceptionally large flower, well formed and very free flowering, reddish bronze overlaid and suffused with buff and coppery bronze. A most unique color combination, ideal for exhibition	2.00
Mary Mitchell. An ideal variety for commercial growers for cut flowers, medium size flower, carried on long stiff stems, of unusual color, which certainly will appeal to all lovers of Dahlias. The ground color is of an exquisite shade of terra cotta suffused with a warm shade of red and bronze	2.00
Mrs. Addison S. Pratt. An unusually large flower carried on long stiff stems, the color a beautiful combination of delicate buff, suffused with coppery bronze, the petals so twisted make the whole flower very attractive	2.00
Mrs. John L. Emerson. Well formed flower, the ground color a warm shade of red and gold, the petals distinctly edged and striped with gold, an effective and rich combination of color, very free, an ideal Dahlia for garden decoration	2.00
Mrs. Wm. J. Rowe. Very large, but graceful flower, a beautiful combination of amber shading to clear yellow in the center, very free, a most useful variety for garden or exhibition	2.00
Pride of New Haven. An exceptionally well-built flower, very full, the center of the flower is a coppery bronze shading to a beautiful amber, suffused and tipped pale pink, large and very free. Awarded a Certificate of Merit	1.00
Rev. Wm. Roberts, Novelty. A surpassing, beautiful and perfect variety, fine well formed flowers, carried on long stiff stems, and exceptionally free flowering. The color is most exquisite and unusual. The ground color is reddish bronze, the entire flower suffused with a beautiful shade of burnt orange, giving the whole flower a glow and softness of color difficult to describe	5.00
Rev. Roy M. Houghton (Salmon pink) Reserved for stock.	
Sunbeam. A flower of very refined form. Bright red, faintly striped with gold, the pointed and twisted tips of the petals touched with gold, make this variety distinct and attractive. A wonderful combination of color. This variety was greatly admired by all visitors who saw it growing last season	1.00

Slocombe's Red, Novelty 1919. An ideal variety of a most intense velvety red, fine large full flowers, freely produced and carried on erect stems	2.00
White Excelsior. A very fine white, and is just what its name implies. I grow this Dahlia for the cut flower market on account of its unusually free flowering qualities, splendid for garden decoration. Awarded a Certificate of Merit	1.00
Winfield Slocombe, Novelty 1921. The most beautiful orange colored Dahlia to date. The center a beautiful golden shading to burnt orange, giving the entire flower a unique and handsome color. Perfect in form, color, stem and foliage. Produces an abundance of blooms early and late. Pronounced the best Dahlia in the New York and New Haven shows. Capturing 1st prizes at both places for "Best vases of 12 and 18 Decoratives" and "Best vases of 12 and 18 of Any Other Color". Awarded Certificate of Merit at Trial Grounds, Storrs, Conn. (1921). Greatly admired by all who saw it and a flower that speaks for itself. Par excellence	10.00
Wm. Slocombe, Novelty 1919. A fine large flower, well formed, of a beautiful shade of canary yellow, shading to deep yellow towards the center. An exceptionally fine flower, carried on long stiff stems, well above the foliage. The best Dahlia ever raised for the price. Flowers measure 10 inches, and do not droop. Height over 5 ft. Refined in color, form and foliage. Easily grown and a prolific bloomer. Too much cannot be said in its favor	2.00

"HYBRID CACTUS" DAHLIAS ORIGINATED BY JOHN H. SLOCOMBE

Edith Slocombe, Novelty 1920. (Burgundy. A true hybrid Cactus, finely formed flowers carried on long wiry stems, of a wonderful shade of rich fuschia-garnet, or shaded velvet-maroon, a most striking flower, the twisted and curled petals showing the beautiful combination of color makes this an unusually attractive variety. This new Dahlia, when exhibited at the New York and Boston shows was greatly admired and very highly commented on	8.50
*Lorna Slocombe. An immense hybrid cactus variety, of an unusual shade of orange beautifully blended with apricot shadings, very distinct and free flowering. Everyone who saw this variety at the New York Dahlia show admired it and was loud in his praises at seeing such an unusual and wonderful flower	10.00
*Awarded "American Dahlia Society's Certificate of Merit" at Storrs College.	

Marjory Hendrick. Novelty 1919. A very fine Hybrid Cactus of a beautiful shade of yellow, large flowers with petals prettily curled and twisted, good grower and an ideal exhibition variety	2.00
Rosa Bonheur, (W. J. R., Novelty 1921). A graceful combination of dainty form and clear color. Ivory white center, shading to a beautiful shell pink. Free blooming and splendid stem. The outer petals prettily twisted and curled, gives a graceful appearance to its marvelous beauty. The flowers are of wonderful texture and superior form. Greatly admired as one of the best at the recent New York Show. Superior in color, form, texture and stem	10.00
Wm. J. Rowe. A true Hybrid Cactus, very large flower, deep red shading to velvety red towards the center, the flowers are freely produced on long stems well above the foliage, an exceptionally good grower and very free flowering	5.00
Nellie Slocombe (Cactus). Pale Persian lilac-pink, a beautiful cut flower produced in the greater profusion, very much in demand for making up	1.00

PAEONY DAHLIAS

ORIGINATED BY JOHN H. SLOCOMBE

Annie Slocombe (Paeony). A pleasing combination of soft amber yellow overcast with bronze, the back of the petals distinctly marked red, which makes this variety unusually attractive, very free flowering and a strong grower	2.00
Flora Kendrick, (Novelty 1921). A silvery mauve with terra cotta shadings on reverse. A prolific bloomer and good cut flower	2.00
Mary C. Ely (Duplex). Fine large flower, orange-red, the yellow halo in the center intensifying the color which makes this a most attractive variety, ideal for decorative purposes	2.00
Mrs. A. R. Gallatin. Reserved for stock.	
Mildred Burton. Very large flower, of an unusual shade of yellow, suffused with old gold which is more pronounced towards the center, a most pleasing color combination. The twisted and pointed petals make it very attractive, one of the finest Paeony Dahlias yet introduced	2.00
Queen Esther. A lovely delicate salmon pink, exceptionally free flowering, the flowers carried on stiff erect stems make this a very valuable variety for cut flowers75
Ruth Slocombe. A most beautiful flower, well formed. Golden salmon, the entire flower suffused with a beautiful shade of pale amber and coral pink. A most unique color combination and a most abundant bloomer (Stock limited)	1.00

"HYBRID SHOW" DAHLIAS
ORIGINATED BY JOHN H. SLOCOMBE

Arthur Kelsey. A very fine flower, purplish crimson, good form 1.00

Mrs. C. D. Anderson. This might be called an Improved Cuban Giant. It is rich purplish crimson and bears large flowers freely on the best of stems 1.00

SPECIAL OFFER OF ASSORTED DAHLIAS

1 doz. varieties, no two alike \$3.50

1 doz. varieties, mixed through handling 5.00

Cosmos, Pink and White Seed package, 50c.

This offer will appeal to anyone wishing a splendid garden selection
at a reduced figure. Order early.

Glimpse into the Future reveals

"MAID OF THE MIST" DECORATIVE

Stunning combination of old rose and gold, one of the prettiest Dahlias at the New York Show and a prize winner. To be disseminated in 1923.

From the Boston Evening Transcript, (September 10, 1921).

Miss Emily Slocombe of New Haven, exhibits one of the most striking flowers in the whole collection. It is a Hybrid Cactus, "Edith Slocombe" of the new fuchsia shades, so much the vogue in this season's fabrics. Another is Slocombe's Buff, of surprising size and perfectly formed.

From the Florist Exchange (October 15, 1921).

"Winfield Slocombe" is a wonderfully colored orange yellow Decorative, from **The Slocombe Dahlia Gardens, which have given us many of the finest varieties originating in the east.**

"One of the largest leading Dahlia producers in the East."

M. E. DOUGLAS, Woodbury, N. J.

"The blooms you put up for display at the recent New York Show (1921) equalled those put up by Scheepers for Judge Marion.

ROBT. O. SMITH, St. Thomas, Ontario.

(A Good Reputation Travels Far).

"Famous from Coast to Coast for their exceeding beauty"

WM. J. RATHGEBER,
Secretary of The American Dahlia Society.

(Clipping from Local Newspaper, Peekskill, N. Y.)**DAHLIA DISPLAY**

One of the handsomest exhibits of Dahlias ever seen in Peekskill, are exhibited from Slocombe's Dahlia Gardens, New Haven, Conn. These Dahlias are of enormous size and of all colors. These splendid specimens have excited much interest, and Dahlia experts would do well to look them over and make comparisons with those which they are growing.

James A. Townsend, Peekskill, N. Y.

We shall never forget your beautiful garden with its stately majestic flowers. Most of yours were fresh for a week after we arrived home — they were greatly admired by a number of friends.

Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Oak Park, Ill.

SPECIAL WONDER OFFER**Book Your Order For
WINFIELD SLOCOMBE**

Beautiful glowing orange Decorative with terra cotta shadings.
ROSA BONHEUR

Hybrid Cactus, Ivory shading to shell pink.

EDITH SLOCOMBE

Hybrid Cactus of the new fuschia shade.

MY GARDEN

A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot!

Rose plot,

Fringed pool,

Ferned grot —

The veriest school of peace! and yet the fool

Contends that God is not —

Not God! in gardens! when the eve is cool!

Nay, but I have a sign!

'Tis very sure God walks in mine.

Thos. Edward Brown

COLLECTION OF DAHLIAS

Where one is at a loss just what to order, we will be very pleased to make up collections for our customers, but please state just what you want, if for exhibition purposes, for garden decoration or for cut flowers.

We will give you the benefit of our many years' experience in selecting just what you want. We do not send out any varieties which we do not grow ourselves.

If you are looking for varieties not in this list, write me — I may have a few, as I grow many varieties not listed herein.

Join the American Dahlia Society and receive the quarterly "Bulletin" of the Society, giving all the latest information regarding Dahlias, and report of the Trial Grounds. Address for sample copy,

Wm. J. Rathgeber, 198 Norton Street, New Haven, Conn.



J. H. SLOCOMBE

Himself nearly six feet tall standing among sturdy plants
of his own varieties. He was one of the dominant
raisers in the East

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